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SUBJECT: USAGE OF SECOND PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE VTR

1. NEWS ACCOUNTS OF THE ATTENTION TO POLAND IN THE SECOND DEBATE MADE OUR CONTACTS EAGER TO SEE THE VTR. SEPARATE SHOWINGS OF THE DEBATE WERE ORGANIZED FOR THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE INSTITUTE FOR STUDY OF CAPITALISM AND FOR A STANDING ROOM AUDIENCE AT THE POLISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THE AMBASSADOR HOSTED A SCREENING FOR FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY AT THE RESIDENCE. THE VTR ALSO WAS PRESENTED IN SPECIAL SHOWINGS FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMENTATORS IN WARSAW AND TO THE ENTIRE STAFF OF "POLITYKA", THE INFLUENTIAL PUWP WEEKLY. ONE PROMINENT POLISH JOURNALIST SAID THAT, AFTER HEARING SO MANY REPORTS AND VERSIONS, NOTHING COMPARED TO SEEING THE ACTUAL DEBATE ITSELF, WHICH PROVIDED A COMPLETE PERSPECTIVE THAT HE SIMPLY WOULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED OTHERWISE.

2. IN KRAKOW, THE BPAO HAD A SCREENING OF THE DEBATE VTR AT THE CONSULATE ATTENDED BY LEADING UNCLASSIFIED

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JOURNALISTS AND ACADEMICIANS, INCLUDING THE TOP

OFFICIALS OF THE POLISH PRESS RESEARCH INSTITUTE.
TWO SHOWINGS WERE ARRANGED IN POZNAN, ONE AT THE
HOME OF THE BPAO AND THE OTHER AT THE WESTERN
INSTITUTE.

3. FOR IMV: WE CONTINUE TO APPRECIATE THE
TIMELY IMV SUPPORT WITH THE DEBATE VTRS. THE
DOLE-MONDALE DEBATE WAS RECEIVED ON OCTOBER 18
BY THE DIRECT NEW YORK-WARSAW PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT.
PLEASE ARRANGE THE SAME PRIORITY SHIPMENT FOR THE
OCTOBER 22 FORD/CARTER DEBATE VTR TO ENABLE
PROGRAMMING EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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